

The Sawgrass Rifle Club is a group of dedicated individuals who run a monthly NRA sanctioned High Power Rifle match at Markham Park in Broward County Florida. The main purpose of the club is to run the matches. The annual membership dues are \$30 for adults, \$15 for juniors (anyone under 21 years of age), or \$35 for a family membership. The club was started sometime in the 1950's. At that time the matches were held at the Trail Glades range in Miami. In 1985 the club moved to Markham Park as Trail Glades Range was turned over to private management that didn't seem to want the club to shoot there. One of the range officers at Markham, Holden Cris, was instrumental in getting the club to change venues. The club was incorporated in 1992 as Sawgrass Rifle Club Inc. (FEI Number: 650372288).

The club holds a match on the first Saturday of each month at the Markham Park Target Range. Shooters do not have to be club members or NRA members to shoot in the match. Entry fee for the match is \$30 for adult club members and \$35 for adult non members, junior entry fees are one half the adult fee (these fees cover range fees and our costs to send scores to the NRA and to maintain targets, you have no other costs to Markham Park). The club has AR-15 rifles and jackets available for new shooters to use free of charge and can usually make ammunition available at very reasonable cost with prior notice of need. Most shooters shoot the AR-15 rifle or a match rifle variation but some shoot the M-1A rifle, others the M-1 Garand and others a bolt action rifle designed specifically for match shooting.

The club fires a 100 yard reduced version of either the NRA regional (80 record shots) or national match (50 record shots) course of fire, depending on the time of year, (the shorter match during the hotter months). This match simulates shooting at distances of 200, 300 and 600 yards. Registration for the match begins at about 7:30 a.m. and firing begins as close to 8:30 a.m. as possible. We can fire up to four relays of 15 shooters per relay but average 2 relays most months. The match takes about 3 to 4 hours to complete depending on the number of shooters.

#### **THE COURSE OF FIRE**

Phase one of the course of fire consists of two sighter shots in two minutes and either 10 or 20 records shots from the standing position loaded one at a time with one minute allowed for each shot.

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Phase three consists of two sighter shots in two minutes and either 10 or 20 record shots from the prone position fired as 10 shot strings in a time limit of 70 seconds with a reload (the shooter starts in the standing position with a two round magazine, goes to prone, fires two reloads with the eight and fires them).

Phase four consists of two sighter shots in two minutes and 20 shots for record loaded one at a time in the prone position in a twenty minute time limit.

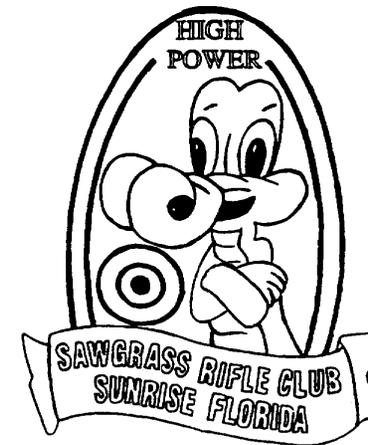
You do not have to be in great physical condition to shoot in this match, the rules also allow accommodations for those with physical limitations. Shooters are grouped by ability not age or experience. We have shooters from all walks of life, including police officers, computer technicians, mechanics and contractors. We have prior and retired military and those who were never in the Armed Forces. We have prior service and retired military and those who never served in the Armed Forces. We have both men and women who fall into all age groups with our youngest current shooter an 18 year old and our oldest in his seventies (who won't give up his actual age).

We are pleased in your interest in our club and welcome you to come and try one of our matches. The club instructor is available to work with new shooters and orient them to the match and the weapon on many weekends prior to matches.

You can reach us through our website:

<http://www.sawgrassrifle.org> contacting either the club president or club instructor by e-mail.

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